

REMARKS

Initially, it is noted that this Preliminary Amendment and Information Disclosure Statement is in the newly approved revised format of amendments, such that a complete listing of claims is included and each section begins on a separate page of this paper.

Claims 2-7 have been cancelled because they are directed to an invention elected for prosecution in the recently allowed parent application (i.e., U.S. Application No. 10/117,859, filed April 8, 2002). Accordingly, Claims 1, 8 and 9 remain pending in the present divisional patent application.

By the foregoing amendments to the specification and to Claim 1, an error relating to the possible constituents for element "X" in the catalyst formula has been corrected. More particularly, the halogens Cl (chlorine), F (fluorine) and I (iodine), have been deleted from the description of element "X".

Also by the foregoing amendments to Claims 8 and 9, Claim 8 has been amended to include the features of cancelled Claim 2 and Claim 9 has been amended to include the features of cancelled Claim 3.

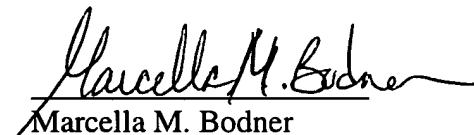
In addition, the specification of the present divisional application has been amended by the foregoing amendments, to include the required cross-reference to related applications, whereby the present divisional application claims priority benefit from the non-provisional parent application under 35 U.S.C. § 120, as well as from the provisional application relied upon by the parent application under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

In view of the foregoing remarks and explanation, it is believed that no new matter has been introduced into the present application by the foregoing amendments.

Accordingly, early and favorable action on the present application is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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